

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1(currently amended). A writing instrument comprising:

a ~~substantially~~ sleeve-shaped shaft (20), having a main axis (100), a terminal control part (50, 35, 20b) at a rear end portion of said shaft, and a substantially conical tip device (10) at a front end portion of said shaft (20), wherein said tip device (10) is ~~variably inclinable~~ tiltable to an inclination angle, wherein said tip device (10) is controlled ~~(40, 43, 9)~~ in an angular position there, and pivotably inclinable in a ~~pivot~~ plane comprising said main axis (100) and relative to said sleeve-shaped shaft (20), ~~and,~~ wherein the inclination angle ~~(θ) of a cone axis (101) of said tip device (10) being adjustable (40, 43, 9)~~ is variable in relation to said main axis (100) of the shaft and the terminal control part controls the angular position of the tip device; ~~and,~~

wherein a leaf shaped spring (17) is provided at a backwards facing end portion of said tip device (10), said leaf spring extending into an inside of said sleeve shaped shaft ~~(20), for~~ and contacting an inner surface of a wall of said sleeve shaped shaft ~~and~~ for effecting a resetting force on said tip device, upon a controlled increase of said inclination angle of said tip device ~~(40)~~, said force increasing when said control part increases the ~~pivot action~~ angular position of the tip device.

2(currently amended). The writing instrument according to claim 1, wherein said inclination angle ~~(θ)~~ of the tip device is changed from the terminal control part ~~(50, 35, 20b)~~, providing a longitudinal movement of one of an ink device and a refilling device (40) received in said sleeve shaped shaft, said movement being effected in a longitudinal direction ~~(x) and relative to a bearing (23; 13; 14; L) structure between said tip device (10) and~~ along said shaft (20).

Claims 3-35 were canceled.